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1. The account of the absent-mindedness of UTILITY was received with much glee and interest here. It arrived just prior to a discussion with C/EE and L concerning UTILITY and his ambitions regarding the future GIS and his present activities in this direction. The undersigned had been asked to deliver a resume of the most recent developments. The referenced item and the account of 34's revelation of his resentment at the "misuse" of funds (MDLA 5145) added timely spice to the proceedings. UTILITY's oversight illustrated the fact that we may expect windfalls from any direction and 34's report illustrated the value of a close association on an opposite number basis.

2. It would be interesting to know which of the two principals led the CAUSA/UTILITY conversation. The document itself gives no clue. The fact that the conversation did not confine itself to purely intelligence matters was also interesting. The many leads are fascinating even if they don't lead anywhere at this time. We were not sure which of the personalities you considered less well-known. Most of them have long records and we have asked that their files be consolidated by registry. The first of the consolidations arrived yesterday, on Vissarion, who has a very fat dossier. We are collecting even more data from overt sources since the picture we have is of a very controversial figure on whom there has been a great deal of biased reporting. The record is not clear for the past three years and our files show that you had a pretty full picture as of 1950. (MDLA - 2259). He, apparently, has been the leader in a movement to

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bring the Rumanian Church back under the Pope. The bishopric presumably will be a Roman Catholic one and the victory for the Vatican a great one and a feather in UTILITY's cap, I suppose. How much interest do you have in this individual? Do you consider him well-known enough or do you wish us to write a study on him?

3. We are conducting traces on Spindler, Roesch, and Mayer-Hultschin on the assumption that these are the "lesser known" personalities of your dispatch. This is being done on a routine basis and the answers will be forthcoming shortly.

4. The "gold treasure" struck a spark of memory from my dull brain. During the period when our GI truck drivers were evacuating ton-loads of documents and other materials from Austria I discovered that several of the boys had unexplained gold coins. Their story was that they had "found" them in searching the homes of arrested Nazis. It is quite possible that this may have been a part of the German "Goldschatz" given to the GI's to keep them quiet about greater treasures. This was the same group which transported the Friends Revere Ost material to Munich. At the same time and on the same trucks but under the strict supervision of MP's and the MG Art-Treasures people the Hungarian gold was evacuated from Austria. It was a pitiful amount, and the Hungarian Communists have been screaming ever since that they got only a small share of the real treasure. Vishinsky used this red herring in one of the first Paris Foreign Minister meetings. Perhaps the Russians were partially right for once, and the money fell into the hands of UTILITY and his associates. Of course, this is only speculation and doesn't prove anything.

5. Let us hope that further windfalls come into our hands in the future! It certainly was a stroke of luck and gives us documentary proof of activities which we have long known or suspected.

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